GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4269
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Price of Essential Commodities
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of essential commodities like pulses and onion increase suddenly due to the nexus between the Government system/officials and the traders, give details thereof; and
(b) whether there is a proposal to provide subsidized diesel to the farmers for agriculture through public distribution system and if so, whether the Government has coordinated with the Ministries concerned?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) : Increase in prices of essential commodities including pulses and onion is because of various factors including shortfall in production owing to adverse weather conditions, increased transportation costs, supply chain constraints like lack of storage facilities, artificial shortage created by hoarding and black marketing etc.
(b) : No Ma'am. No such proposal is under consideration.

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